

## Funding Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) wants to inform and remind hospitals, physicians, and ambulance services that funds are available for certain emergency health services provided to undocumented aliens. Section 1011 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) provides **\$250 million each year** for Federal Fiscal Years (FYs) 2005 – 2008, for payments to eligible providers for emergency services furnished to undocumented and other specified aliens. Providers have received over \$58.1 million in Section 1011 funds for services furnished during FY 2005, \$192 million for services furnished during FY 2006, and \$214 million for services furnished during FY 2007. As of May 2008, more than 20,400 providers from across the United States have enrolled in the Section 1011 program.

## Program Eligibility Requirements

### Which Providers Are Eligible for This Program?

The providers eligible to receive Section 1011 payment include hospitals, physicians, and ambulance service providers. Indian Health Service facilities and Medicare Critical Access Hospitals are also considered eligible providers. Physicians and ambulance providers do **not** have to be enrolled in the Medicare Program to be eligible to enroll in the Section 1011 program.

### Which Services Are Reimbursed Under the Section 1011 Program?

Services furnished to the following types of patients are eligible for reimbursement:

- Undocumented aliens;
- Aliens who have been paroled into a United States port of entry for the purpose of receiving eligible services; and
- Mexican citizens permitted to enter the United States on a laser visa, issued in accordance with the requirements of regulations prescribed under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Covered services are the same as those required by the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), as well as related hospital inpatient and outpatient services. Related ambulance services are also covered. Payments under Section 1011 are only provided for services that were not otherwise reimbursed (through insurance or otherwise). For specific information on EMTALA services, please see the Additional Resources section of this Fact Sheet.

## Program Enrollment Requirements

### How Do Providers Enroll in the Program?

Providers may enroll in the Section 1011 program by submitting an application to TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC, the national contractor for the Section 1011 program. All program enrollments are processed through TrailBlazer. For further information or to access the Section 1011 enrollment application, visit the TrailBlazer website at [http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Section\\_1011/Enrollment.aspx](http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Section_1011/Enrollment.aspx) or contact the TrailBlazer Section 1011 Customer Service Call Center at (866) 860-1011.

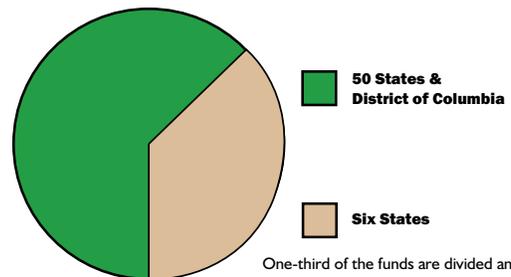
NOTE: Section 1011 is **not** administered by regular Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs), Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs), or Carriers. Therefore, providers should **not** submit Section 1011 enrollment applications or requests for payment to their regular MACs, FIs, or Carriers. Contact TrailBlazer Health Enterprises, LLC as indicated above for further instruction.

## Funding Allocations to Providers for Emergency Health Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens

### How Are the Section 1011 Funds Allocated?

Section 1011 funds are allocated by state, according to the pie chart below.

Two-thirds of the funds are divided among all 50 states and the District of Columbia, based on their relative percentage of undocumented aliens.



One-third of the funds are divided among the six states with the largest number of undocumented aliens for each FY.

### State Allocations for Section 1011

Additional information regarding annual State Allocations may be located on the web at [http://www.cms.hhs.gov/UndocAliens/04\\_state\\_alloc.asp](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/UndocAliens/04_state_alloc.asp) on the CMS website.

## Additional Resources

*The following resources provide more information on the Section 1011 Program:*

### **Official Section 1011 Web Site**

To learn more about the Section 1011 program, or to enroll as a provider, visit the Trailblazer website at [http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Section\\_1011/Default.aspx](http://www.trailblazerhealth.com/Section_1011/Default.aspx) on the web. TrailBlazer can also be contacted directly by telephone at **(866) 860-1011**.

### **Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens CMS Web Page**

For additional information regarding Section 1011 of the MMA and CMS' policy for the implementation and administration of this program, visit the Services Furnished to Undocumented Aliens web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/UndocAliens> on the CMS website.

### **Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA)**

For additional information regarding the Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act (EMTALA) visit <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/EMTALA> on the CMS website.

### **Medicare Learning Network (MLN)**

The Medicare Learning Network (MLN) is the brand name for official CMS educational products and information for Medicare fee-for-service providers. For additional information visit the Medicare Learning Network's web page at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNGenInfo> on the CMS website.

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